

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 30, 1847.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**AN ACT**

Making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*  
2       *the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3       the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, for  
4       the naval service, for the year ending on the thirtieth June, one  
5       thousand eight hundred and forty-eight :

6       For pay of commission, warrant, and petty officers and sea-  
7       men, including the engineer corps of the navy, three million two  
8       hundred and ninety-two thousand eight hundred and six dollars.

9       For provisions for commission, warrant, and petty officers  
10      and seamen, including engineers and marines attached to vessels  
11      for sea service, eight hundred and eighty-seven thousand nine  
12      hundred and eighty-nine dollars and twenty cents. And there  
13      shall be allowed, instead of the sum now allowed by law, six  
14      cents per day in lieu of the spirit rations in the navy, to be paid  
15      monthly to such persons as may elect to receive the same.

16      For surgeons' necessaries, and appliances for the sick and

17 hurt of the naval service, including the marine corps, forty thou-  
 18 sand two hundred dollars.

19 For the increase, repair, armament, and equipment of the  
 20 navy, and wear and tear of vessels in commission, including coal  
 21 for steamers and purchase of hemp, two million five hundred  
 22 thousand dollars.

23 For ordnance and ordnance stores, including incidental ex-  
 24 penses, three hundred and seventy-one thousand three hundred  
 25 and ninety dollars.

26 For nautical books, maps, charts, and instruments, binding  
 27 and repairing the same, and all the expenses of the hydrographi-  
 28 cal office, twenty-five thousand nine hundred and forty dollars.

29 For contingent expenses that may accrue for the following  
 30 purposes, viz : Freight and transportation ; printing and station-  
 31 ery ; advertising in newspapers ; books, maps, models, and draw-  
 32 ings ; purchase and repair of fire engines and machinery ; repair  
 33 of steam engines, and attendance on the same in yards ; pur-  
 34 chase and maintenance of horses and oxen, and driving teams ;  
 35 carts, timber wheels, and workmen's tools of every description,  
 36 and repairing the same ; postage of letters on public business ;  
 37 coal and other fuel, and oil and candles, for navy yards and shore  
 38 stations ; cleaning and clearing up yards ; incidental labor not  
 39 chargeable to any other appropriation ; labor attending the de-  
 40 livery of public stores and supplies on foreign stations ; wharf-  
 41 age, dockage, storage, and rent ; travelling expenses of officers,

42 funeral expenses, commissions, hire of agents ; clerk hire, store  
 43 rent, office rent, stationery, and fuel to navy agents and naval  
 44 storekeepers ; flags, awnings, and packing boxes ; fixtures for offi-  
 45 cers' quarters ; premiums and incidental expenses of recruiting ;  
 46 apprehending deserters ; per diem allowance to persons attend-  
 47 ing courts-martial and courts of inquiry, or other service author-  
 48 ized by law ; compensation to judge advocates ; pilotage and  
 49 towing vessels ; assistance rendered to vessels in distress, six  
 50 hundred thousand dollars.

51 For contingent expenses for objects not hereinbefore enu-  
 52 merated, five thousand dollars.

53 For the support of the civil establishment at the several  
 54 navy yards, the officers and others to be paid the annual compen-  
 55 sation that was allowed to them severally in the act making ap-  
 56 propriations for the naval service for the year ending on the thir-  
 57 tieth June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, except  
 58 as hereinafter provided :

#### 59 AT KITTERY, MAINE.

60 For pay of storekeeper, naval constructor, inspector of  
 61 timber, clerk to the yard, clerk to the commandant, clerk to the  
 62 storekeeper, clerk to the naval constructor, and porter, seven  
 63 thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

#### 64 AT CHARLESTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS.

65 For pay of storekeeper, naval constructor, measurer and  
 66 inspector of timber, clerk to the yard, two clerks to the com-

67 mandant, three clerks to the storekeeper, clerk to the naval con-  
 68 structor, keeper of magazine, and porter, eleven thousand and  
 69 thirty dollars.

70 **AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.**

71 For pay of storekeeper, naval constructor, measurer and  
 72 inspector of timber, clerk to the yard, two clerks to the com-  
 73 mandant, three clerks to the storekeeper, clerk to the naval con-  
 74 structor, keeper of magazine, and porter, eleven thousand and  
 75 thirty dollars.

76 **AT PHILADELPHIA.**

77 For pay of storekeeper, naval constructor, measurer and  
 78 inspector of timber, clerk to the yard, clerk to the commandant,  
 79 clerk to the storekeeper, clerk to the naval constructor, and por-  
 80 ter, seven thousand seven hundred dollars.

81 **AT WASHINGTON.**

82 For pay of storekeeper, measurer and inspector of timber,  
 83 clerk to the yard, two clerks to the commandant, clerk to the  
 84 storekeeper, keeper of the magazine, and porter, six thousand  
 85 six hundred and eighty dollars.

86 **AT GOSPORT, VIRGINIA.**

87 For pay of storekeeper, naval constructor, measurer and  
 88 inspector of timber, clerk to the yard, two clerks to the com-  
 89 mandant, three clerks to the storekeeper, clerk to the naval con-  
 90 structor, keeper of the magazine, and porter, eleven thousand  
 91 and thirty dollars.

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## AT PENSACOLA.

93 For pay of storekeeper, naval constructor, clerk to the yard,  
 94 two clerks to the commandant, two clerks to the storekeeper,  
 95 and porter, eight thousand and fifty dollars.

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## AT MEMPHIS.

97 For pay of storekeeper, clerk to the yard, clerk to the com-  
 98 mandant, and porter, three thousand three hundred dollars.

99 For improvements and necessary repairs of navy-yards, viz :

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## AT KITTERY.

101 For extending knee-dock wall, and filling in for gun and  
 102 anchor wharf, rebuilding wharf No. 1, cistern near mast and  
 103 boat-house No. 15, and for repairs of all kinds, thirty-one thou-  
 104 sand five hundred and twenty-eight dollars. That the Secretary  
 105 of the Navy is hereby directed to cause to be constructed at  
 106 each of the navy yards at Kittery, Philadelphia, and Pensacola,  
 107 a floating dry-dock for ships-of-the-line, with basin and railways  
 108 at Philadelphia, and reference thereto at the other places, on such  
 109 plan as may be preferred by the Secretary of the Navy; the  
 110 said dock at Pensacola to be completed with all possible despatch;  
 111 and the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated  
 112 towards said dock at Kittery, fifty thousand dollars towards said  
 113 dock at Philadelphia, and two hundred and fifty thousand dollars  
 114 towards said dock at Pensacola, out of any money in the treas-  
 115 ury not otherwise appropriated.

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## AT CHARLESTOWN.

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118 For wharf No. 64, and repairs of dry-dock No. 54; tim-  
 119 ber-dock and bridge across timber-dock; brick barn to be erect-  
 120 ed on No. 27; smith shop and plumber's shop, and drains to re-  
 121 servoir and pipes to smithery; shell-house, joiners' and carpen-  
 122 ters' shops and rigging loft, and for repairs of all kinds, ninety-  
 seven thousand six hundred and fifty-five dollars.

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## AT BROOKLYN.

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125 For repairing wharves in front of D and E; cisterns to  
 126 reservoir C; completing cob-wharf; filling in timber pond and  
 127 dredging channels; shell-house on gun-block, and for repairs of  
 all kinds, fifty-one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight dollars.

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For dry-dock, two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

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## AT PHILADELPHIA.

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131 For outside piers of wharves Nos. 2 and 3; wharf No. 4,  
 132 and outside pier of No. 4; workshops on site No. 10; anchor-  
 133 age, and repairs of all kinds, forty-seven thousand four hundred  
 and sixteen dollars.

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## AT WASHINGTON.

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136 For trip-hammer in anchor shop, and blowing chain-cable  
 137 fires in hydraulic proving machine shop; new boiler to steam-  
 138 engine No. 2; converting No. 11 to an iron foundry; tempo-  
 139 rary laboratory building, and repairs of all kinds, thirty thou-  
 sand five hundred and forty-eight dollars.

140                    **AT GOSPORT.**

141            For completing storehouse No. 13, and launching slip No.  
142 48 ; new wharf where small shears now stand, and for repairs  
143 of all kinds, forty-five thousand two hundred dollars.

144                    **AT PENSACOLA.**

145            For completing storehouse No. 25, and timber-shed No.  
146 26 ; blacksmith shop and steam-engine ; permanent wharf ; ex-  
147 tending and completing coal-house ; completing lime-house, and  
148 for repairs of all kinds, fifty-eight thousand and seventeen dollars.

149                    **AT MEMPHIS.**

150            For blacksmith's shop ; steam-engine and boilers for rope-  
151 walk ; joiner's shop and storehouse, (one wing ; ) saw-mill ;  
152 commandant's house and offices ; foundation of wall to enclose  
153 yard ; embankment and excavation, and for repairs of all kinds,  
154 one hundred and two thousand two hundred and five dollars.

155                    **AT SACKETT'S HARBOR.**

156            For construction of officers' quarters, and for repairs of all  
157 kinds, five thousand dollars.

158            For the improvement and repairs of the several navy hos-  
159 pitals, viz:

160            At Chelsea, five thousand four hundred and eighty dollars  
161 and fifty-four cents.

162            At Brooklyn, twenty-two thousand three hundred and  
163 ninety dollars.

164 At or near Gosport, five thousand six hundred and thirty-  
165 four dollars.

166 At Washington, one hundred dollars.

167 At Pensacola, thirty thousand four hundred and forty-one  
168 dollars and seventy-five cents.

169 For magazines, viz :

170 At Charlestown, Massachusetts, two hundred dollars.

171 At Brooklyn, eight hundred dollars.

172 At Washington, one hundred dollars.

173 At Gosport, three hundred dollars.

174 MARINE CORPS.

175 For pay of officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians,  
176 privates, and servants serving on shore, and subsistence of officers,  
177 one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

178 For clothing, forty thousand five hundred and forty-eight  
179 dollars.

180 For fuel, fifteen thousand four hundred and sixty-nine  
181 dollars.

182 For military stores, repair of arms, pay of armorers, accou-  
183 trements, ordnance stores, flags, drums, fifes, and musical instru-  
184 ments, four thousand three hundred and five dollars.

185 For transportation of officers and troops, and for expenses  
186 of recruiting, eight thousand dollars.

187 For repair of barracks, and rent of temporary barraeks, six  
188 thousand dollars.



190 Freight ferriage, toll, wharfage, and cartage ; compensation  
191 to judge advocates ; per diem for attending courts-martial and  
192 courts of inquiry ; per diem to enlisted men on constant labor ;  
193 house rent where no public quarters are assigned ; the burial of  
194 deceased marines ; printing, stationery, forage, postages, and the  
195 pursuit of deserters ; candles and oil ; straw, barrack furniture,  
196 bed sacks, spades, axes, shovels, picks, carpenters' tools, and  
197 keeping a horse for the messenger, fifteen thousand dollars.

1        **SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the  
2 proviso of the act of third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-  
3 three, entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval ser-  
4 vice for the half calendar year beginning the first of January  
5 and ending the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and  
6 forty-four," as requires that provisions and all other materials  
7 of every name and nature, for the use of the navy, be furnished  
8 by contract with the lowest bidder after advertisement, shall be,  
9 and the same is hereby, so far modified that it shall not apply  
10 to butter or cheese destined for the use of our navy, or things  
11 contraband of war ; and it shall be lawful that contracts for  
12 those articles, for the use of the navy, be made, as heretofore,  
13 for periods longer than one year, if, in the opinion of the Secre-  
14 tary of the Navy, economy and the quality of the ration will be  
15 promoted thereby.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the pay of firemen  
 2 and coal-heavers employed in the naval service shall hereafter  
 3 be fixed by the President of the United States, in the same  
 4 manner as is now provided by law for the pay of other petty  
 5 officers, and of seamen, ordinary seamen, and marines; and so  
 6 much of the act of Congress approved August thirty-first, eigh-  
 7 teen hundred and forty-two, entitled "An act to regulate the  
 8 appointment and pay of engineers in the navy of the United  
 9 States," as fixes the pay of firemen and coal-heavers, be, and  
 10 the same is hereby, repealed.

1        SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That of the money  
 2 appropriated in this act for "pay of the navy" and contingent  
 3 expenses enumerated, an amount not exceeding twenty-eight  
 4 thousand and two hundred dollars may be expended, under the  
 5 direction of the Secretary of the Navy, for repairs, improve-  
 6 ments, and instruction at Fort Severn, Annapolis, Maryland.

**Passed the House of Representatives, January 29, 1847.**

**Attest:**

**B. B. FRENCH, Clerk.**